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With the 14th & 5th Colors

Private Earl V. Millsap writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Millsap of near Newton, that he is somewhere in Ireland and that he is o. k. and not having too bad a time. "I got a little seasick for two days coming over but not as sick as some of the other boys did." This letter was written December 18.

Another letter was received Monday which was written December 26, stating he had about as good a Christmas as could be expected.

"We had a nice dinner and program in the afternoon. Some of the boys are going to town, I haven't gone yet but will soon, if they still keep giving passes. This country is sure a lot different than it is at home.

"The people do things so much different. They use two wheeled carts instead of wagons. Most of the people ride bicycles. We have English money now, too—pounds, shillings and sixpence, instead of dollars and cents.

"We have ration cards for the PX here. You go and get what you are supposed to have, for a week and they mark it on the card."

He would like to hear from his friends. Write in care of his parents, at Newton.

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Leon Lowell Price, boatswain's mate second class, has been spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zenas Price of near Newton. He has been on an Attack transport and lay alongside another ship in North Africa for three months on which Robert Mattingly was stationed for three months without either knowing the other was there. He hopes to go aboard one of the Navy's newest battleships in the near future.

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Max McClane, who has been in New Foundland with the Seabees for several months, is home on a three weeks' furlough with his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover McClane of near Newton. He says it is too warm for comfort here.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Urfer have received a letter from their son Elbert Urfer, who has been in the Aleutian islands, for about twenty months. He received a bronze medal for six months service in action without any leave.

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He says he is fine but would like more sunshine, as they only have about three days sunshine in a year, and there is very little vegetation there. The foxes are so tame they will eat out of your hand. There are also tame ravens which are common. He said they often see walruses, whales and seals in the ocean. He added would be a treat to live again in a civilized country.

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Lieutenant Victor M. Everett, a son of Mrs. Jesse O. Snell of Hidalgo, was a member of class 44A of aviation cadets which graduated from the Army Air Forces Pilot school at George field, Lawrenceville, Friday, after instruction in flying two engined bombers. He received the silver wings of a flying officer and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces.

He entered pilot training last fall and attended flying schools at Decatur and Courtland, Alabama, before going to George field.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Chapman of Newton vicinity received a letter from their son, Corporal Andy Chapman, who is in England, stating he was o. k. "I sure had a nice Christmas dinner. I ate dinner at Mr. and Mrs. King's home. They sure are nice folks. I felt as if I was at home. There were three of us boys there, and we had turkey for dinner.

"This sure is a nice country and the people are so friendly. The girls are not so good looking but they sure can talk."

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Homer L. Clark, for the past fifteen months employed by the Press, went to Arcola, Tuesday for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Clark. He will report for duty with the Army at Fort Sheridan next Thursday. After being given his uniform and routine "shots," he will be sent to some camp for preflight training as an aviation student.

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Private Basil Autebery has returned to his outfit, which is on maneuvers in Tennessee, after a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Autebery of Newton. He was called home by the death of his grand-mother, Mrs. James Yingst of Rose Hill, and his mother had pneumonia while he was here.

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Thomas J. "Jeff" Price Jr. of Ob-

long, a resident of Newton for several months when he was chief operator for the Star Theatre a couple of years ago, has been accepted for service in the Army and will report for duty in a few days. He is a brother of Mrs. K. W. Rought of Newton

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Mr. and Mrs. Ona King of Falmouth received greetings from their son, Lieutenant Daniel W. King, who is in Italy, including a picture of the plane he pilots. Another son, Dale King, is now attending the Airborne Radar school of the Navy at San Francisco, California.

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Edward Burtch, aviation machinist's mate third class, of Willow Hill has been transferred from the Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Virginia, to the Naval Air Base, San Diego, California, where he is with a carrier aircraft unit and is now ready for sea duty.

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Basil Earl Ping, gunner's mate third class, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ping of Newton vicinity, was home on leave a few days. He and his wife have returned to Bartlett, where he will later return to Brooklyn, New York, for overseas duty.

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John Speasl, youngest son of Joseph Speasl, who left here for Lebanon, Oregon, in 1912, spent the week end with his aunt, Mrs. Joseph Dhom and family of Newton. He is in the Air Corps and is stationed at a camp in Mississippi.

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Harold Boggs, who is in "boot" training at Great Lakes, writes that he is well and will be glad to hear from his friends. His address is Company 1930, USNTS, Great Lakes, Illinois.

George W. Warfel is now in the hospital at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. His address is Ward 84S, USNTS Hospital, Great Lakes, Illinois.

Seaman Harold E. Kelly of Minneapolis, Minnesota, spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Anna Kelly of Willow Hill.

Private Irl Franke, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Franke, has been transferred to the Pacific coast with the AB Engineers.

Carl Lustig of Wheeler is now at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, at the Engineer Replacement Training center.